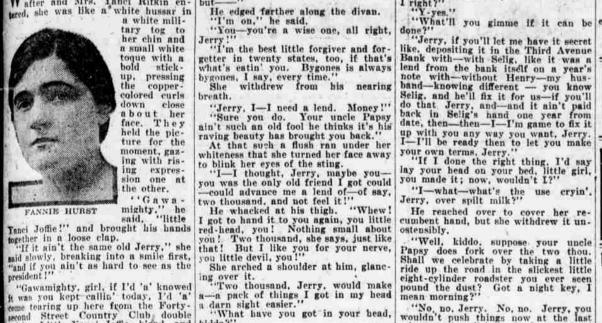
WOULD YOU?

Mrs. Yanci Rifkin is told by a lactor that she has only a year to lee. She and her sister-in-law, Zetta Rifkin, keep the bitter secret to themselves. Yanci wants to bor-ow \$2000 in order to insure the sucss of her husband, a tailor, before cath. She goes to see Jerry

CHAPTER V THEN it opened again immediately after and Mrs. Yanci Rifkin en-ed, she was like a white hussar in H



president!"

"Gawamighty, girl, if I'd 'a' knowed ft was you kept callin' today, I'd 'a' come tearing up here from the Fortysecond Street Country Club double quick. Little Yanci Joffie, b'gad, and sight easier."

"What have you got in your head, widdo?"

At first glance you wonder what the title means. You have to read the

the author, knows how to get your laterest and then hold it for six days. You will be rewarded by a surprise if you start this story on Monday, Janmary 5, and read it all the way through.

not a day older in how many years is it? Eighteen?"

"This is so-some place! Got to hand tto you, Jerry, so-ome place!" They were immediately en rapport.

"Seems like yesterday, don't it, Jerry, that us girls was dressed up in our Easter Senday hand-me-downs,

round, tight-spanned knees.

ou. And whatever happened to that blow-headed little friend of yours worked up on Rifkin's place with you?"

"Things ain't so smooth with me,

"ICE WATER, PL-!"

She opened her collar and sat down on a leather divan, riding the springs with a sense of depth.

ne little red-headed queen, Same little something about ou, kiddo, that can get me going any me of day. And say, duds! Always ould wear 'ero and get away with 'em. couldn't you, even if you grabbed 'em from a misfit parlor?''

she was constantly averting her head from his constantly nearing breath, sucking her lips inward and regarding the palms of her gloves. He slid a bit along the slippery leather. "Why ain't you out and plain with your Uncle Papsy? You want money for some kind of a break; is that it, kiddo?"

"I—well, I——" enting up and playing bean-bag out on the sand at Concy, and you came along in that little wire-wheeled runabout.

"You was always the piker, you touchy little red-head, you! Never even let a fellow get real friends with

"I-I guess, Jerry, you-you won-der why I'm looking you up, after all bese years since-since I been settled

"They all come back to old Papsy," e said. "Nearly all." Silence, and she sat regarding her

"Could have told you they wouldn't "Could have told you they wouldn't be eighteen years ago when you thought your old Papsy didn't mean the best in the world by you. Did—"" "I married. Jerry, what you'd call a good old schnookle that—"" "Kid like you tying up with the first little kyke tailor that comes along!

"What?"

"Jerry, you make me laugh. If there's anybody in the world don't need a brick house to fall on him, it's you."

"Gad." he said, "and to think you stuck it out eighteen years with him!"

"I—I want to just get 'em out of that hole down there, Jerry. If I could just make that move up-town, Jerry, like—like all the other firms, and get my girl married off, to a traight young man that's wanting her, and feel that Henry—after all he—he's a good old schnookle. Jerry—was fixed up there so the business could run along without me, well, it—it would make a whole lot of things I got in my head, Jerry, a darn sight easier."

"What?"

"Nothing Jerry, nothing. Only I—you can see for yourself, Jerry, that a year—"

"Say, how do I know in that year you mightn't be out for a airing one fine day and get run down by a automobile or—"

"So much the surer for you, Jerry. I got a two-thousand-dollar insurance policy waiting for that little thing to happen. You—you know Henry well enough to know how he'd use that money, Jerry; you know the first thing he'd do with it would be to pay off that—"

"Bah, quit mourning at your own my head, Jerry, a darn sight easier."
She was constantly averting her head

-well, I-

"I—well, I—"

"Is it or ain't it that's what I want to know first of all."

"Y-yes."

"That's more like it."

"Lemme have it on a year's note, Jerry, that'll be—"

"Come now, little one, can't you stick on the level with me? That ain't no

worked up on Rifkin's place with you?"

"Dolly Litsky? You oughtta know Jerry, you was the first one showed her how to drink bubbles without wanting to sneeze."

"You don't tell me," he said, shifting. "But I always told her not to lose her pretty little head. Thu! Thu! That's what I always said about you, though, kiddo. Sense! Good common sense! And they tell me you got a girl such a dead ringer of her mather might be sisters. Whatta you know about that! Little Yanci Joffie, that I knew when she was one little

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be if we can once get up-town and—in one year we—"

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"Can't be done, Daby doll."

"Can't be done, baby doll."

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"Things are all right with me, Jerry, but—"

"That's the talk."

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"It there's one line of talk I like better'n another, it's morgue talk. I don't think. Bah, gives me the saw the saw your game."

"It I had a game, Jerry, would I give my signature? Ain't you got it all over me if I had a game, Jerry?

"You red-headed little devil you," he said, suddenly sententious, sliding toward her along the leather from where she had receded and receded. She held quiet, letting his breath approach her, "Jerry, is it a go! Not a sight of me for a year, and then the sky's my limit!"

mean morning?"

"No, no. Jerry. No, no. Jerry, you wouldn't push things now at the last minute and spoil 'cm. I—I got my girl to think of yet. Jerry. Gimme this year, Jerry, these few last months to get straight. After eighteen years. Jerry, what's a year more or less? Lemme play safe. Jerry."

"Gee," he said, "but you're some little Stop, Look and Listener," and sat back, making a chirring noise through moist lips.

"Quit!" she cried; "I hate that noise

"Quit!" she cried; "I hate that noise you always make."
"What?"

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me for a year, and then the sky's my
limit!" "Things are all right with me, Jerry, wit —"That's the talk."

"He laid a finger alongside his nose, "You "The—he's all right, too, Jerry, "He—he's all right, too, Jerry, "He—he's all right, too, Jerry, "He—he's all right, too, Jerry, "You know it can't be done; but we're will ing to talk business just the same. Am I right?"

"He edged farther along the divan. "I'm on," he said.
"You know it can't be done; but we're will ing to talk business just the same. Am I right?"
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"Jerry, is it a go! Not a sight of me for a year, and then the sky's my limit!"
"Lay your head on your bed, you made—""
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